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1. TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR UMIT SULEYMAN ONAN MET WITH
"TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH AUG 28 TO DISCUSS ONAN'S EARLIER
CONVERSATION WITH DE CUELLAR (REF A). TALKING WITH THE
TURKISH RADIO AND TV (TRT) CORRESPONDENT AFTER THE MEETING,
ONAN INDIRECTLY RESPONDED TO GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPA-
DOPOULOS'S CALL FOR A RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS
(REF B). ONAN STATED "WE ARE IN FAVOR OF MEANINGFUL

NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, FOR MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS TO TAKE PLACE, THERE NEEDS TO BE GOOD WILL WHICH SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO THE (COMMUNAL) TALKS. WHILE THERE IS A WILL TO GO ON WITH THE TALKS, THE EFFORTS OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE TO HOLD THE TURKISH COMMUNITY UNDER AN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL EMBARGO CANNOT BE CONSTRUED AS A GOOD-WILLED AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE. NEVERTHELESS, THE TURKISH SIDE STILL BELIEVES THAT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS CONSTITUTE THE ONLY MEANS OF FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM PROVIDED A RESPONSIBLE INTERLOCUTOR IS FOUND AND WE WANT TO MAINTAIN THIS BELIEF."

2. COMMENT: WE NOTE ONAN'S REFERENCE TO A "RESPONSIBLE INTERLOCUTOR" AS INDICATION THAT TURKISH SIDE CONSIDERS PAPADOPOULOS' MANDATE ENDED WITH DEATH OF MAKARIOS. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN AT THIS POINT WHETHER TURKS' INTENTION IS TO HAVE PAPADOPOULOS REPLACED AS NEGOTIATOR, OR IS TO FORCE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO CONCEDE THAT NEGOTIATORS' MANDATES AND FRAMEWORK OF DISCUSSIONS NEED RENEGOTIATION. IN EITHER CASE, GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL BE UNLIKELY TO AGREE. A SEMANTIC NOTE: GREEK NEWSPAPERS TRANSLATED THE WORD "RESPONSIBLE" IN ONAN'S STATEMENT AS "ACCEPTABLE", USING THIS AS A FURTHER REASON TO CRITICIZE THE TURK CYPRIOTS FOR INTERFERENCE IN GREEK CYPRIOT AFFAIRS.
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